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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hiroshi SONOBE

Group Art Unit: 2133

Serial No.: 09/557,088

Examiner: Matthew C. Dooley

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17 Technology Center 2100

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified application. The shortened statutory period having expired December 23, 2003, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for three (3) months. There is also attached our Check No. 17451 in the amount of \$950.00 in payment for:

Extension fee for response within first month
pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$110.00) [\$55.00].

Extension fee for response within second month
pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$420.00) [\$210.00].

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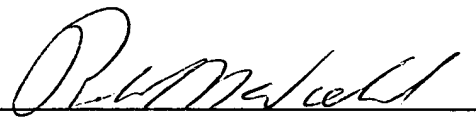
XX Extension fee for response within third month
pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$950.00) [\$475.00].

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 16-0331. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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